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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE   |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>70.1097<br><br><b>10/501222</b> |
| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   |   |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/ESO2/00516   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>November 7, 2002 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>January 17, 2002 ✓                 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>SELF CENTRING CONNECTING DEVICE (AMENDED TO: <b>AUTOALIGNING COUPLING DEVICE</b> ) ✓  |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Jorge COSTA CLAVER ✓   |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31). See attached PCT/IB/332. ✓</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). ✓</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). ✓</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). ✓</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |   |   |
| Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording.<br/>Please mail the recorded-assignment document to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the person whose signature, name &amp; address appears at the bottom of this document.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the following:</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. ✓</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. ✓</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Request for Change of Address; Published Application with International Search Report; International Preliminary Examination Report; Statement Claiming Small Entity Status</u> ✓</li> </ol>   |   |   |

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☒ The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees as follows:

| CLAIMS   | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER<br>FILED | (3) NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4) RATE   | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--|---------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS   |         | 13 -20=             | 0                   | x \$ 18.00 | 0                |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS  |         | 1 -3=               | 0                   | x \$ 86.00 | 0.00             |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |         |                     |                     | +\$290.00  | 0                |
| BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(4):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor<br>international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO .....\$1,080<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO<br>but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$ 920<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO<br>but international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO...\$ 770<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br>but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$ 730<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)<br>and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2) to (4) .....\$ 100 |         |                     |                     |            | 1080.00          |
| Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the National fee or oath or declaration later than<br><input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.482(e)).  |         |                     |                     |            | 0.00             |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE<br>CALCULATIONS   |         |                     |                     |            | 1080.00          |
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| SUBTOTAL   |         |                     |                     |            | 540.00           |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE   |         |                     |                     |            | 540.00           |
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| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED  |         |                     |                     |            | 540.00           |

- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$540.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  
b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-3935 in the Amount of \$ to cover the  
above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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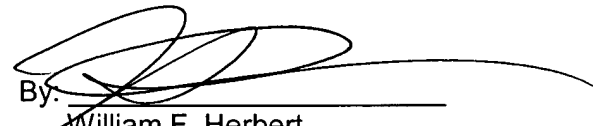
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